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Mr. Max Wilkinson
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Room 1718 - 500 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation yesterday, please accept this letter as authorization to act as my agent.

After speaking with you, I went to the International Publishers Association meeting in Washington where I spoke with Michel Mohrt of Gallimard. He seemed quite interested and anxious to read the manuscript. He said he would be in touch with you next week when he is in New York.

Mrs. Beatrice Rosenfeld at Viking (PL 5-4330) has a carbon of the manuscript which she was to have mailed me. I have not received it and if she has not already mailed it, perhaps you would like it for Mohrt or another purpose.

I also spoke with Sanford Greenburger who represents Feltrinelli and a German publishers Both printed the Buchanan book on the assassination, almost pure speculation and highly inaccurate. Greenburger says neither would be interested.

I had hoped to find a representative of Victor Gollancz but none was present. I spoke briefly with Captain Maxwell of Pergamar or Pergamon Press. Maxwell was busy ~~and~~ us told me to get in touch with his representative, D. J. Day, at 122 East 55th Street, New York 22, and to tell Day Maxwell had said to get in touch with him.

The previous history of the manuscript is:

Ivan Obolensky; first liked, then rejected as "no book".

Praeger: Mort Puner liked book very much but Praeger said, according to Puner, it was not for Praeger.

Crown: Editor and assistant sales manager very interested but vice president in charge of nonfiction reportedly said the market prospects were not good.

Pocket Books: Eugene Prakapas and several others read and praised highly, but Shimken decided negatively because of continuing problems over "Calories Don't Count". Prakapas tried both Doubleday and Morrow. Doubleday praised book and said decision was not editorial. Morrow had already made policy determination to print nothing on the subject.

Viking reportedly read and liked book but decided it would not be profitable.

Grove (Rossett), which had scheduled and apparently abandoned a book by Attorney Mark Lane, was not interested in the subject.

Quadrangle: Does not believe the book would sell well.

New Classics Library: Has already printed a book On Oswald and is not interested in one that would disprove it.

New American Library: Did not ~~read~~ like the book.

Bantam: Miss Nasator who edited their edition of the Warren Report said it was not likely they would be interested, but that she would read the manusacript in two days.

Dell: Richard Roberts, who also was not optimistic about the market, indicated he would read the manuscript in several days. When he did not, I picked it up and delivered it to you. I was told by his secretary that he would read it but it would probably take a couple of weeks.

I know of two forthcoming books, both of which reportedly are scheduled for major promotions. and the middle of this month Simon and Schuster will release a book on Oswald ghosted for Congressman Ford, a member of the Commission. Inevitably, this book will be a nothing, whether or not it sells.

The end of August Prentice Hall will publish a book by Dwight McDonald that I believe will be much more substantial. I understand Random House is McDonald's regular publisher.

I believe this covers them all briefly. If you would like any further information, let me know.

The friend who took a copy of the manuscript to Europe is Sidney Kaufman whose office phone is OXford 7-9170; his home is LI 4-0896.

Should you so desire, I can come to New York almost anytime except for the 17-19 of this month.

I am quite happy that you are willing to represent me for you are the sixth agent I approached.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg